

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF THE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU



Patricia Michalak, MA
Youth Service Bureau Coordinator

**Mansfield YSB Advisory Board
Minutes**

Tuesday June 8, 2010
12:00pm at Mansfield Town Hall
Conference Room B

Board Members

Present:

Ethel Mantzaris, Chair
Frank Perrotti, Co-Chair
Patricia Michalak, YSB Coordinator
Kathleen McNamara, YSB Senior Social Worker
Kevin Grunwald, Director of Human Services
Candace Morrell, Assistant Principle MMS
Eileen Griffin, Social Worker, LCSW
Jay O'Keefe, Parks & Recreation
Jerry Marchon, Police Officer
Amber Hoyt, EO Smith Student
Lauren DiGrazia, Graduate MSW Intern

Guests: Tara Martin (Willington YSB director), Melissa McDonough (Ashford YSB director), Crystal Morawitz (Coventry YSB director), Chuck Leavens (EO Smith Crisis Counselor), & Lou DeLoreto (EO Smith Principal)

Proceedings

- Meeting called to order at 12:01pm by Chair, Ethel Mantzaris
- May 11, 2010 meeting minutes were accepted and approved
- Patricia Michalak, YSB Coordinator
 - Patricia Michalak welcomed the three YSB directors and thanked them for coming. She explained to the board that she is hoping this connection will help in sharing services between the towns and in providing support for one another.
 - Patricia Michalak also thanked all of the participants on the board for their dedicated service and support.
 - Patricia Michalak also gave an update on the enhancement grant money that was received. It will be used in the following ways:
 1. Mentor who will be working one-on-one with an at risk 7th grade boy during the summer.
 2. Ken Caputo, Villari's Martial Arts of Storrs, will receive funds his work with at risk students and for scholarships for summer programs.
 3. Janit Romyko, facilitator of the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren's group.
- *New Business:*

- The YSB organization relationship with EO Smith High School
 - Ethel Mantzaris, Chair, began the discussion with Lou DeLoreto, EO Smith Principle, about how the YSB advisory board could work together to assist students with transition to high school.
 - Cyrstal Morawitz, Coventry YSB director, discussed a desire to connect with Coventry students at EOS regarding programs she offers.
 - Chuck Leavens, EO Smith Crisis Counselor, stated that the Multi family group started by YSB has been a great transition group bridging the gap between clinical services of MMS students and EO Smith students.
 - Chuck Leavens also stated that kids need support and they want to provide it to their students and work with the YSB directors to assist in the process.
 - Jay O'Keefe, Parks & Recreation, stated that the teen center is a free component of the community center and is open to all of the towns. Participants need to fill out a short form and have a parent's signature.
 - It was left that the four YSB representatives would get together to see how they can best serve the EO Smith students from their town.
- Ethel Mantzaris, Chair, made note that Kathy Ann Easley did not attend the meeting today and this is the second time she has not shown up to the meeting.
- Coalition discussion
 - The YSB representatives will meet and decide as to whether or not they want to pursue the underage drinking grant.
- Jerry Marchon, Police Officer, submitted a summary of the LIST program which he and YSB coordinator have been attending.
- A certificate of appreciation was handed out to Amber Hoyt, EO Smith Student, for her long time dedication to the YSB advisory board.

Meeting adjourned at 1:18pm

Minutes submitted by Graduate MSW Intern, Lauren DiGrazia